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camels into his own herd and waits till some ʿAḳejli comes to claim them. Thus a brother's eye cares for the ʿAḳejl even during their absence, *ʿajneh warâhom*.

BLACKSMITHS

In the opinion of the Rwala, Allâh created with the first Bedouin also the first smith. *ṣâneʿ* (pl., *ṣunnâʿ*). Every camp and every settlement of inner Arabia has its blacksmith who works for the whole clan or for the whole oasis. Often the same blacksmith family has camped with the same clan from time immemorial and yet cannot be adopted by it, for the *ṣunnâʿ* remain strangers forever. Among themselves the blacksmiths form kins of their own, and the blacksmiths of the Rwala are relatives, *beni al-ʿamm*, of all the blacksmiths in Arabia. They live in almost the same way as the Bedouins or settlers and are subject to claims of vengeance among themselves; but they never make war or take part in raids, even as allies of the Bedouins. During an attack on the camp where their tents stand they go on with their work unconcernedly, defending neither themselves nor their neighbors, for they have their brother, *aḫ*, in every tribe whose duty it is to return to them anything of which a member of that tribe has robbed them. Among the Rwala a member of the Âl Miġwel kin is the brother of the *ṣunnâʿ*. If a Bedouin does any wrong to a blacksmith, the latter complains to Eben Miġwel, who must put matters right. When the raiders bring along, besides other booty, camels bearing the *ṣunnâʿ* brand, their brother takes them all into his herd and sends word to the blacksmith of the raided tribe: "Your camels are held by me." They then come, pick out their animals, and return home with them. But if camels branded with the mark of the brother's tribe are found among those of the *ṣunnâʿ*, he returns them to his tribesmen. For his trouble the brother keeps every fifth animal as well as such as are not claimed by the owner blacksmith.

The *ṣâneʿ* not only shoes horses but repairs rifles, daggers, etc., and often makes new rifles, fine sabers, and spears, for there are many good artisans in his craft. For shoeing a horse he will make no charge. His reward is a two-year old she-camel, *heẓẓe*, for every horse captured and all the horse saddles brought home from the raids, which he then

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326 sells for his own profit. When the Bedouins procure supplies of grain in the tilled territory for their stay in the inner desert, the blacksmith demands one *meǧîdijje* ($0.90) on each horse in order to buy his provisions. Whoever slaughters a camel must give the blacksmith all its entrails and the shins of its hind legs.

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